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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for renewal of the collection of information for Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Programs, authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0136. This information collection expires July 31, 2016.

DATE: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [Insert date 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Please submit your comments to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or you may send an e-mail to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov. Also please send a copy of your comments to Ms. Sunshine Jordan, Acting Division Chief, Office of Indian Services – Division of Self-Determination, 1849 C Street NW., MS 4513-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, telephone: (202) 513-7616; e-mail: Sunshine.Jordan@bia.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) authorizes and directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to contract or compact with and fund Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations that choose to take over the operation of programs, services, functions and activities (PSFAs) that would otherwise be operated by the BIA. These PSFAs include programs such as law enforcement, social services, and tribal priority allocation programs. The contracts and compacts provide the funding that the BIA would have otherwise used for its direct operation of the programs had they not been contracted or compacted by the Tribe, as authorized by 25 U.S.C. § 450 et. seq.

Congressional appropriations are divided among BIA and Tribes and Tribal organizations to pay for both the BIA's direct operation of programs and for the operation of programs by Tribes and Tribal organizations through Self-Determination contracts and compacts. The regulations implementing ISDEAA are at 25 CFR 900.

The data is maintained by BIA's Office of Indian Services, Division of Self-Determination. The burden hours for this continued collection of information are reflected in the Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden in this notice. **II. Request for Comments**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) requests your comments on this collection

concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of

the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection

of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c)

Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

and (d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the

respondents.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and an individual need not

respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the

location listed in the ADDRESSES section. Before including your address, phone

number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you

should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying

information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your

comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076-0136.

Title: Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Programs, 25 CFR 900.

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Brief Description of Collection: An Indian Tribe or Tribal organization is required to

submit this information each time that it proposes to contract with BIA under the

ISDEAA. The information collected is used by the BIA to determine applicant

eligibility, evaluate applicant capabilities, protect the service population, safeguard

Federal funds and resources, and permit the BIA to administer and evaluate Tribal

ISDEAA contract programs.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Federally recognized Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations and contractors.

Number of Respondents: 567

Number of Responses: 7,063

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Obligation to Respond: Responses are required to obtain or maintain a benefit.

Estimated Time per Response: Varies from 4 hours to 122 hours, with an average of 38

hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 127,127 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost: \$0.

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